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NORMAL SCHOOL.—The University Normal School opened on the 17th inst.

Bishop Atkinson and lady have gone to Europe.

Heavy storms passed over England during last week, doing much damage to the crops.

Gov. Jarvis has appointed Judge A. C. Avery to hold the special term of the Randolph Superior Court. It begins on the 14th of next month.—Charlotte Democrat.

A railroad from Statesville to Taylorsville in Tenn., is still agitated. A meeting favoring the project was recently held in Statesville.

Three colored children were burnt to death last week in Chester County, S. C. The parents were at work in the field and left the children alone in the house.

Eleven persons were drowned at Buffalo Gap Station, Dakota Territory on last Thursday night, by the sudden rise and overflow of Beaver Creek.

STATE BONDS.—The State Treasurer of North Carolina gives notice to parties holding old bonds to present them for redemption at an early day, as he has received the new bonds for redemption.

THE STATE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION will meet at Chapel Hill on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days of July, proximo. Will give all particulars for those who wish to attend the Normal School at the University in our next.

CONVICTS SHOT.—A few days since some ten convicts at work on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, between the Gulf in Chatham and Greensboro attempted to escape, when four were shot down dead and four wounded. Two escaped.

To the Press.

By order of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Press Association, the 7th annual Convention will be held at the Atlantic Hotel in Beaufort, July 24, 1879, instead of July 16th, as before agreed upon. All Editors desiring to attend will please write me at once what passes they will need, in order to give me time to procure them. This meeting promises to be the largest ever held. Let every paper in North Carolina be represented.

W. A. DAVIS, Sec'y.
June 13th, '79. Oxford, N. C.

POLITICAL.—In Ohio the approaching canvass will be warmly contested. The Republicans admit the strength of the Democratic ticket, but, of course, hope to achieve the victory.

Gen. Butler is moving in Massachusetts for the Republican candidacy for Governor.

Twenty-four women are wrangling for the doorkeepership of the Ladies retiring room in the U. S. Senate. This position has been held by a darkee for years.

The prohibitionists of Iowa meet in Convention on the 4th July.

TRINITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.—The Commencement sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Burkhead, of Wilmington, in a plain, forcible and earnest manner. In the afternoon Gen. W. R. Cox of Raleigh addressed the Societies on the "philosophy of law." At night the alumni was addressed by J. H. Roper of Gainesville, Florida. In the opinion of Gov. Jarvis, the speeches by the graduating class were all as good as he had ever heard on any occasion. The correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:

R. T. Gray, Esq., of Raleigh, in order to make some fitting memorial of his gallant brother, Capt. Wiley Gray, who fell at Gettysburg at the head of his company, has endowed a medal to be awarded to the best orator and the orator (combined) of the graduating class. This "Wiley Gray Prize Medal" was presented for the first time to Mr. G. Kneave, of Jones county. In donating this prize medal to the college, Mr. Gray selected Mr. Fab Busbee, of the Raleigh bar, to perform the functions of the presenter. Happy indeed was the selection. His Excellency Governor Jarvis presented the medal to the young gentleman who had so nobly won it, and made to the graduating class an address which in wise counsel, and prudent advice and practical suggestion was the reflex of his great heart and noble heart.

The degrees were conferred upon twenty-four young gentlemen. Mr. Evans Tanner, of Greenville county, bears off the first honor, and Mr. Neal T. Ivory, of Lincoln, the second honor.

Gen. Lenoir, of Lexington, presented the society medals to the graduates in one of his usually happy speeches.

The law class medal was won by Mr. Holmes, of Alamance, and presented by the worthy professor, Col. Henry Capers, in a few sentences brim-full of good sense, good taste and eloquent oratory.

On Thursday it was estimated that within the village there were upwards of five thousand visitors. Yet we have not heard of the slightest disturbance, or the smallest accident.

We wish continued success to this most excellent College. We have seen it grow, and that worthily, from a normal school to one of the first colleges of our country.

THE NEW YORK HORROR.—On Wednesday morning 11th instant, the body of Mrs. Jane L. DeForest Hull was found dead in her bed, her hands and feet tied, blind-folded and a gag in her mouth. The victim was the wife of Dr. Alonzo G. Hull a respectable physician. On the evening previous the deceased was in good humor and entertained company in the parlor. Mrs. Hull slept in a room on the first floor and Dr. Hull slept on the fourth floor. When he retired he requested his wife to put out the gas in the hall. They kept boarders, several of whom entered later by back keys. Dr. Hull says he was up from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock, during which time all was quiet. The corpse was discovered by the house maid, who found the front door open, and she soon gave the alarm. Two rings were torn from the corpse's fingers, and her feet were twisted, as if there had been a struggle. No clue of the murderer, although some think it strange that Dr. Hull was up between the hours of 1 and 3. An unfortunate accident happened at the grave, by the caving in of the earth and one of the cross pieces laid across the grave fell, and one end of the box fell to the bottom of the grave, and partly under the coffin fell two of the bearers.—Some of the friends on the brink of the grave started back and upset a small monument which added to the confusion.

Although the Democrats in Congress do not possess the requisite two-third majority to pass the appropriation bills over the President's veto, yet the Judiciary committee of the House, through Proctor Knott, have reported a scathing review of the late veto messages. It is a lengthy document and we can only give a brief synopsis of it. It will be used as a campaign document. His friendship, President Hayes and the Republicans generally come in for deserved reprimand. It is the strongest document of the kind we have seen in many days.

Proctor Knott's Report on the Veto Message.

WASHINGTON, June 11th.—Proctor Knott, of the House Judiciary Committee, submitted to the House to-day the Committee's report upon the Presidential message vetoing House bill No. 1,382, known as the "Military Interference bill." The document is six or seven hundred words in length, and takes up and examines in detail all the objections made by the President to the bill in question. It begins by stating that the day after the bill was introduced, the presence of troops at the polls is sufficiently apparent and has been repeatedly pointed out. As long ago as 1863 Congress found it necessary to pass a bill to obviate it by strictly prohibiting military interference with elections except upon call of a State or to keep peace at polls. That bill was approved by President Lincoln and is now in force as sections 2,002 and 5,628 revised statutes. The words "keep peace at the polls" were not in the original draft of the bill, but were added in the Senate against the remonstrance of the majority of its supporters, who feared they would be misconstrued and used as a pretext to evade with impunity the penalties prescribed. To remove that pretext and prevent a recurrence of the practices already shown to be dangerous, the present Congress in making appropriations for support of the army struck out the words in question. The President thereupon returned the bill without signature, because in his opinion it was unnecessary; second, it would prevent civil officers from using civil force to keep peace at the polls, and third, the method of repealing the clause in question was not in harmony with Executive action. The first two objections the Committee, for the present, passes without remark. With regard to the third the report says the manner of repeal was in strict conformity to the Constitution and rules of the House, and justified by numerous precedents in the annals of Federal legislation.

It is due Senator Hampton to give prominence to his views. We most heartily endorse his conservatism. It is the only way for the South to regain her prosperity. The Republicans like discord, and always endeavor to fan into a flame anything likely to foment trouble among the Democrats. We give a brief sketch of the New York Tribune's interview:

There is another thing which ought not to be overlooked—that while the South is wholly Democratic and constitutionally the strength of the Democratic party, we do not intend to ask a place upon the Presidential ticket for a Southern man. We want the party in the North to place two good men on the ticket, and we will support it for the national success of the Democratic party. With reference to the personal choice of the South for particular Presidential candidates, I do not think the South has any. I believe that there has been a feeling that in justice to the old ticket it should be renominated. There are many reasons, however, which may be urged against this, and the refusal of Mr. Hendricks to be put in nomination again seems to render it impossible. I don't think the South cares a copper who the next presidential candidate may be, as long as he is a strong national man.—They do not care where he comes from or what his financial views may be.

There is a great deal of misapprehension in the North as to the political condition of the negroes in the South. They seem to think that a colored man is bound to be a Republican because he is a colored man. But I know personally many colored men in South Carolina who have always been consistent Democrats, and have suffered in consequence.

There are only 75,000 white voters in my State, and 90,000 colored voters. The latter, therefore, hold the balance of power. When I was elected Governor there were only 119,500 votes cast, and only 213 scattering votes were thrown against me, and I was undoubtedly elected by the colored voters, who at that time had all the machinery of elections in their hands. There was not a quarrel or a listless fight at that election. The Republicans could not put a ticket in the field because the colored people were satisfied.

Prof. Kerr says that Irish potatoes can be grown as successfully from slips as the sweet potato. Start in a hole-bed, and a peck of potatoes managed in this way will go as far as a bushel in the ordinary way.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.—From the Raleigh Journal we learn that on Tuesday there was a large crowd present at Wake Forest College. On Monday night ten students competed for the prize in declamation. Mr. McDuffy, of Fayetteville, was successful. Rev. Drs. Brondos and Huffman and Dr. Ben Powers were the judges.—Star.

Professor W. G. Simmons, chairman of the faculty, in his annual report, gave a highly encouraging statement of the condition and prospects of the Institution. The number of students, which has been steadily increasing for three years, was larger during the season just closed than any time since the war. The moral tone of the college is sufficiently exhibited in the fact that only two cases of discipline occurred during the season. The graduating class consists of twelve members, some of them young men of brilliant talents. The report of the treasurer shows that, though there has been no agent in the field, there has been a small increase in the permanent endowment fund.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees to-day, Rev. Henry McDonald, D. D., of Richmond, Va., was unanimously elected President, as successor to the late Dr. W. M. Wingate, D. D.

We learn Mr. McDonald declines the honor.

PRICES IN ENGLAND AND THIS COUNTRY.—England was once considered a very cheap country to live in, but it is no longer. An American family of three was found there during the war sustaining life on a shilling a day for food; now it would be difficult to find that and not resort to beggary. How could it be possible for food to be cheap when most of it is imported? Horse rent is lower than in New York, but not much if any cheaper than in the suburbs of New York. Coal is about \$5.00 the ton of 2,000 pounds, but is really much dearer than that, when we consider that two tons of anthracite would burn three tons of bituminous. There ought to be a splendid opening for American coal stoves. Meat is lighter, ranging from eighteen to thirty cents a pound. Bread is three cents a pound and is inferior in quality. The English do not know how to make good bread. Eggs—mostly like the "barrel" eggs here—are thirty to thirty-five cents a dozen, but in some places are as low as ten cents; milk 10 cents a quart. Potatoes are sold by weight, but would average \$1.25 a bushel. As to fruit, most of it is a luxury beyond the reach of ordinary people. On the other hand, a thoughtful consideration of the people generally will come to the conclusion that this country is a very comfortable place to live in.—Newark Daily.

SEASONABLE HINTS.—From the American Agriculturist we glean the following agricultural hints:

Calves. A run in a good piece of grass will greatly help the calves. The more they are pushed, without overdoing it, during the first year's growth, the better the mature animal will be. Figs for fall killing, may be forced from the start. A run in grass, and regular, steady feeding on bran and meal slops, will help to make a large growth, which is afterwards quickly filled up with fat. The low prices now prevailing must be offset by making more pork than formerly out of the same feed.

Rabbiting Posts.—A few rabbiting posts set up in pastures, will save injury to the fences. Cattle will use these conveniences very often, if provided for them, and it is worth all the trouble, to the farmer, the enjoyment of the animals in the use of them.

Salt Boxes have frequently been described in the American Agriculturist; as they are easily made, very useful, and the supply of salt is healthful, a few of these boxes attached to the fences of the pasture, and kept replenished with salt, will do trouble well.

Hoes and Tools.—Dull tools are labor wasters. It is cheaper to use up a whole grindstone in one season, than to work with dull hoes, spades, and other tools. See that tools are ground sharp every time they are used. Do this, while they are talking and clattering over the pipes, and the tools will be ready for work in the morning.

The late Republican Senate raised the army to 25,000 men. The Democratic House only voted supplies for 20,000. It is necessary now to increase the appropriation by over five million dollars. The increase is to be laid at the door of the Stalwarts. Last year the estimates were \$26,797,300, this year \$31,888,955. Here are nearly half as many dollars appropriated for the army as it required in 1840 to run the entire Government. There is no good reason why the army should exceed 8,000 men, and the expenses \$10,000,000. The time will come, it is to be hoped, when the army will be greatly reduced in numbers and the expenses in proportion.—Wilmington Star.

STATE NEWS.

A disease among the cattle in some parts of Burke county is proving very fatal. The cholera is raging among the hogs in Morganton.

We have received a catalogue of the University of North Carolina for 1878-79. There are ten members of the Faculty and there were 202 matriculates.

Robert Falkner, of Sandy creek, Warren county, is one hundred and five years old, has voted eighty-one times, and is still hale and hearty.

The sweet-gum plate factory of S. H. Gray & Co. at Newbern, is no small enterprise. They turn out from 25,000 to 30,000 plates per day, (sometimes more), which are sent to New York, and bring into the State over \$25,000 per annum.

The vote on the local option question in Salisbury stood: prohibition, 139; license, 356; majority for license, 217. About half the vote of the township was polled. The Watchman says the result was not altogether unexpected, and that only 15 or 16 colored men voted for prohibition.

Franklin Reporter: Dr. Lucas, who now owns and is working the Junk's corundum mine, has just found a gem worth \$9,000 it is said. He has others, said to be of great value. Truly this North Carolina goose (the corundum mine) is laying golden eggs for Massachusetts, if there is no mistake about the reports.

The Northern Democrat says of Mr. Joseph L. Rhea's farm near that place: "This spring he had in cultivation 100 acres in peas alone; the ground whereon they grew is now green with growing cotton. He has in cultivation 400 acres in cotton, 250 acres in corn, 20 acres in rice, 10 in tobacco, 8 acres in water-melons, 4 acres in beans, and 40 acres in small grain. His Irish potatoes have matured, and are now being shipped to Northern markets; 450 barrels have already gone forward, and he will ship by the first steamer as many more. His entire crop of potatoes will foot up about 900 barrels."

Durham Tobacco Plant. The revenue collected in Orange for the month of May was the largest ever collected in a month. The revenue for tobacco stamps alone from Orange during the month of May was \$189,346.62, and the entire revenue for the month of May in the fourth district amounted to \$220,000. This includes revenue from all sources, while the amount reported from Orange is exclusively for tobacco tax. There was about \$200,000 tax paid on tobacco in the fourth district for May, and Orange paid \$189,346.62 of that.

WEARING APPAREL EXEMPT.—State Treasurer Worthington, replying to an inquiry from Mr. M. Cronly, tax assessor for Wilmington township, decides, as he says with the approval of the Attorney General, that wearing apparel is exempt from taxation. Under the machinery act of the Legislature of 1876-77 this kind of property had to be listed for taxation along with other property and this decision of the treasurer, exempting it now, is worth the attention of assessors and others.—Charlotte Observer.

Reidsville News: We are truly rejoiced to see Judge Kerr so much improved as to be able to appear on our streets.

Mr. Creed Ellington, of this county, sold his crop of tobacco, made last year by himself and one other hand, for \$1,200.

GENERAL NEWS.

More failures reported in England with large liabilities.

Gen. Jo. Johnson has been appointed a visitor to West Point Military Academy. Gen. Gordon is also a visitor.

Mr. Edward S. Gregory, editor of the Petersburg (Va.) Index-Appel, will accept orders in the Episcopal Church.

The number of immigrants who arrived at New York during the twelve months ended May 31, 1879, was 92,801, against 71,091 the previous twelve months.

Advices from Texas May 30, report the wheat harvest is full blast, and the yield of wheat averaging better than was anticipated a few weeks ago. Corn and cotton are growing finely, with gratifying prospects.

The drought in a large portion of Texas is fearful. Wheat, cotton, corn and other crops are quite withered. Water for drinking has to be brought from three to six miles from the largest streams, and cattle are dying of thirst.

There is great excitement at Littleton, West Virginia, over the arrest of seven desperadoes; no magistrate can be found to try them; Gen. Matthews is determined to crush out all lawlessness; there are fifty others in the gang.

As Mrs. Honora Lacy was driving from Wilmington, Del., to her home in Cape Fear county Pa., Saturday evening, the contents of the carriage, cotton, straw, were ignited by a match, and in a moment the whole interior of the vehicle was in a blaze. The horse, becoming frightened, ran away, and before it stopped Mrs. Lacy was literally roasted alive, her flesh being burned to a crisp. She died Sunday morning.

Eight steamers sailed from New York recently for Europe. They carried large quantities of grain, amounting to 300,000 bushels. Here are some of the shipments: 268 head of cattle to London; 300 sheep to Glasgow, and 500 to Bristol; 300 carcasses sheep, 200 tons and 120 quarters beef were stowed away in the refrigerators. The other important commodities were 4250 boxes of bacon, 24,600 boxes cheese, and 5500 packages butter.

A LONG WALK.—Miss Mattie Potts, a resident of Philadelphia, but a native of Edenton, N. C., started on the 12th of May, from the Quaker city, on a walk to New Orleans, a distance of 1200 miles, and return within 6 months. She is a good looking and dresses well. She walks at the rate of 30 miles per day. There is a \$50000 wage that she cannot accomplish the feat within the specified time.

An Anti-Grant movement has been started in St. Louis, with Hon. John B. Henderson, ex-Congressman, Pinkerton and Emil Freterius, editor of the Westliche Post and partner of Carl Schurz, among the leaders. At a conference a few evenings ago some of those participating even declared that should Gen. Grant be nominated for a third term they would abstain from voting.

The Society of Friends is gaining in numbers both in this country and in Great Britain. A quarter of a century ago the Society in the old country, after New Orleans, had only 13,750 members. Till 1874 the annual increase was only from 8 to 30 members, but since 1874 it has ranged from 60 to 200—a large growth for a body so small in the aggregate and so conservative in its discipline.

The California workingmen's convention at San Francisco adopted a platform repudiating communism, advocating the enforcement of the new State constitution, sale of forfeited railroad lands, election of President by direct vote, no second term for President or Vice-President, abrogation of the Burlingame treaty, &c. A resolution was adopted condemning the President for vetoing the anti-Chinese bill.

As to the juror's test oath even the New York Times form by a sense of decency to declare that "the oath is an anomaly and an affront," and that its abrogation "will be just and expedient." The Republicans did, in a better mood, repeal the worst features of the law, but the ungular Boutwell still it all back when he compiled the Revised Statutes. The United States Supreme Court has twice virtually declared the law unconstitutional; and yet every Republican Senator voted against the repeal act.—Charlotte Observer.

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Salem, N. C., May 1, 1879.—6m.

CONDENSED TIME.

North Carolina Railroad.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

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Date, May 8, 1879.	No. 2 Daily.	No. 4. Daily.	No. 6 Daily ex. Sun.
Leave Charlotte.....	3 50 a m	6 45 p m
" Salisbury.....	6 01 a m	8 52 p m	.....
" High Point.....	7 30 a m	10 18 p m	.....
Arrive Greensboro.....	8 05 a m	10 55 p m	.....
Leave Greensboro.....	8 20 a m	.....	7 00 p m
Arrive Hillsboro.....	10 15 a m	.....	11 15 p m
" Durham.....	10 49 a m	.....	11 49 p m
" Raleigh.....	12 15 p m	.....	4 30 a m
Leave " Goldsboro.....	3 30 p m	5 45 a m	.....

Post Office Directory.

Salem, N. C. Post Office Arrangements.
Hours from 7 o'clock, A. M., to 6 P. M., during the week, and on Sunday from 10 to 8 A. M.

ARRIVAL AND CLOSING OF MAIL.
RAILROAD, from Greensboro to Salem closes every day, except Sunday at 4:00 p. m. Due every day, except Sunday, by 10:50 p. m.

MOUNT AIRY, via Winston, Old Town, Bethania, Five Forks, Dalton, Pilot Mountain, closes every day except Sunday, at 6:30 a. m. Due every day except Sunday, at 6:30 p. m.

HUNTSVILLE, via Lewisville and Panther Creek, closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 a. m. Due Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by 10, a. m.

RICHMOND HILL, via Mount Airy, Vienna, Red Plains and East Bend, closes Monday and Friday at 6:30 a. m. Due Tuesday and Saturday by 2 p. m.

FULTON, via Friedberg, Advance and Elwell, closes every Friday, at 6:30 A. M. Due every Saturday, by 8, A. M.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

LOCAL ITEMS.

CHEW Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco
Mr. Freeman and family are registered at the Salem Hotel.

Who has a young good waltz cow to exchange for a fat "beef cow"?

WACHOVIA NATIONAL BANK Winston, is now open for business.

Episcopal service will be held at Germantown, on the 3rd Sunday in every month, instead of the 2nd.

Dogs.—Kernersville was engaged in dog killing on the 11th. Seven were killed and one presumed.

The members of the "Eastern Star" held a Sorrow Chapter at Sallid's hall on Friday evening last.

Next Saturday is the longest day, 14 hours, 26 minutes. The printers say "tis well to come on Saturday."

For Par Cent Bonds.—The Salem Post Office sold \$11,000, and the Winston Post Office \$6,000, making a total of \$17,000.

A meeting was held at the Army of the Winston Light Infantry, to make arrangements for a Tournament on the 3rd of July.

SPRING CHICKENS bring good prices in the market. Occasionally we see parties from the country come to town to buy chickens.

The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Huff will be preached at Wauington, on the fifth Sunday, (20th) of this month, by Rev. C. L. Hight.

It is a good idea to look after the wells and pumps at this season, and have them thoroughly cleaned. Filth in wells as in other places, breeds disease.

NEW WHEAT, it is said, will start at a dollar a bushel, and some think at less than that. The price of grain hardly pay the farmer for his labor and expense.

A misplaced switch at the depot on Tuesday afternoon, caused considerable trouble to railroad employees in getting the train, which ran off, back on the track again.

Don't forget to list your taxes before Friday next, that being the limit set by law. You will have to pay extra to have them listed later, and a double tax can be imposed.

BEAUTIFUL fly nets now adorn the Mill Wagon team, and if the old "Boo" will get himself a palm leaf fan the whole turnout would have a comfortable appearance these hot days.

On Saturday last Jim Stratton and Burwell Sales engaged in a scuffle, during which Stratton was shot in the stomach by Sales, causing his death on Sunday evening. Sales has been arrested and held for trial.

Buck Williams and William Collins, both colored, were arrested at the instance of Dr. Balmson, on Sunday last, for conspiracy and attempt at burglary. The trial on Monday did not exhibit evidence enough to hold them.

PAY TREE.—The fragrance of the bay tree in Mr. Turner's garden pervades the atmosphere every evening. The tree is of a dwarf growth, and for lawns and parks is very desirable. It grows in many places and on the banks of streams.

FORWARD SOWING.—Mr. Bally informs us that his earliest sowing of wheat does not promise as fair a yield as some of the later sowing. He attributes the failure to the heat and ravages of the fly. As a general rule, wheat sown during October is the best.

NOVEL WAY OF ADVERTISING.—The other day we noticed J. E. Mickey's large white sign on the street with the inscription "Iron King Cook Stove" stenciled on his sides. There are many ways of advertising, but this is what can be called advertising "dog cheap."

FULL IS.—Owing to an imperfection in the frame used in turning the arch of the bridge over "Tar River," on West street, it gave way on Thursday afternoon, causing a portion of the arch not keyed to fall in, making extra labor for the masons engaged on that work.

THE INFANT SCHOOL EXAMINATION took place on Thursday last in the Moravian Church. The little ones did well. Miss Phil has had much success in the school for many years, and given general satisfaction. The language was numerous, and the happy faces of the children indicated their appreciation.

WATER MELONS.—We hear of some early patches of water melons, with prospects of ripe melons by the 4th of July. The seeds were planted early and the young plants covered with pine tops to protect them from the spring frosts.

The fourth is too early for good melons grown in this section.

STOCKS.—Much sickness in the country, during the warm weather, has caused the decayed and exposed logs in marshes and water courses, as well as rotten wood in the forests. If neighbors would assist each other in cleaning their premises of decayed and decaying wood a considerable amount of sickness could be prevented.

EARLY VEGETABLES have graced the tables of our citizens for weeks. Snap beans and potatoes are scarce. We have gathered as much as half a bushel of beans from a few short rows in the garden. Beets are also flourishing. Green corn will be on hand shortly, as we notice some dwarf varieties in "silk and tassel."

The wet spell of weather for several weeks past, has thrown by making into wheat harvest, and much corn is also the sufferer thereby.

A great deal of what could not be sent in the time and becoming "dead ripe" was more difficult to save. This was on account of the scarcity of hands in the country, while the towns are comparatively well stocked with laborers.

We hear of a man who gave his wife a severe scolding because she walked a couple of miles in the sun the other day, to visit a neighbor, and yet this same man is heartily enough to make her cook his meals in the hot sun, and while there he would place, when for a small sum he could buy her a "Farmer Girl" Cook Stove at S. E. Allen's Hardware Store in Winston.

DITCHING.—A great deal of ditching has been done the past winter and spring, in the low wet lands and meadows. Considerable expense is thus incurred annually. If all persons concerned or interested would strive to keep the sand from washing down into the streams from old field hill-sides, much trouble and damage would be saved to them and others. Where there is a will there is a way.

Some Grayson and Carroll County friends called on us a few days since and gave favorable accounts of the apple crop in their neighborhoods. Asheville papers say that in general thing, the apple crop throughout Western North Carolina was almost wholly destroyed by the severe frosts in the latter portion of May. In some localities there will be a fair crop, but to a very large extent the crop was ruined.

POISONED HONEY.—We have often heard of poisoned wild honey, and its bad effects when eaten. The Mount Airy Visitor gives a point in case by stating that a colored family by the name of Bryant of Long Creek, Surry County, were poisoned by eating wild honey taken from a bee tree. Several members of the family have died. Also, that George Gregg, a few miles from Mt. Airy, was bitten by a highland moccasin snake, from the effects of which he died.

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS for the week ending Saturday, June 14th, 1879, were as follows:

Monday	\$1,925.87
Tuesday	6,284.57
Wednesday	3,908.27
Thursday	4,225.83
Friday	4,032.17
Saturday	1,882.90
Total	\$22,349.61

At a business meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Winston, held at their hall on Monday night, 9th inst., the following delegates were elected to attend the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., which convenes in Salisbury on the 20th, 27th and 28th insts.

S. D. Franklin, W. W. Workman, J. H. Griffith, I. W. Durham.

ALTERNATES.—Jas. A. Robinson, H. D. Shelton, Gideon Miller, A. A. Smith.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS.—A number of correspondence received asking if we knew any remedies for renewing capillaries and eruptions from the face and body. In answer to all we would say, stop using impure soaps for the toilet, as they are composed of poisonous chemicals which are injurious to the skin. At Smith's Drug Store, in Winston, you will find a choice lot of fine, imported English Soap, which not only removes all eruptions, but beautifies the complexion, and are as cheap as common soaps.

Boss HAYES.—An old colored man, gray with the frosts of many winters, wanted to know the other day, why Boss Hayes is keeping "de Congress together dis hot weather, by vetoing what dey do. My children read de papers to me, and from dat I can gather dey "publicans want soldiers at de polls to regulate de elections and have 'em all dar way, like dey did when Boss Hayes was made President in a sort of round-about way, with bayonets to back 'em. Boss Grant had his army at Washington to scare folks, and I spec dey want to keep the way open to play the same trick again."

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At a business meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Winston, held at their hall on Monday night, 9th inst., the following delegates were elected to attend the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., which convenes in Salisbury on the 20th, 27th and 28th insts.

S. D. Franklin, W. W. Workman, J. H. Griffith, I. W. Durham.

ALTERNATES.—Jas. A. Robinson, H. D. Shelton, Gideon Miller, A. A. Smith.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS.—A number of correspondence received asking if we knew any remedies for renewing capillaries and eruptions from the face and body. In answer to all we would say, stop using impure soaps for the toilet, as they are composed of poisonous chemicals which are injurious to the skin. At Smith's Drug Store, in Winston, you will find a choice lot of fine, imported English Soap, which not only removes all eruptions, but beautifies the complexion, and are as cheap as common soaps.

Boss HAYES.—An old colored man, gray with the frosts of many winters, wanted to know the other day, why Boss Hayes is keeping "de Congress together dis hot weather, by vetoing what dey do. My children read de papers to me, and from dat I can gather dey "publicans want soldiers at de polls to regulate de elections and have 'em all dar way, like dey did when Boss Hayes was made President in a sort of round-about way, with bayonets to back 'em. Boss Grant had his army at Washington to scare folks, and I spec dey want to keep the way open to play the same trick again."

FOURTH OF JULY.—The details of the program for the 4th of July are as yet incomplete. In addition to that given last week, we learn that a grand display of Historical and Industrial Tableaux will be given in the morning procession. The Silver Cornets will head the procession, as usual. The morning and evening exercises will be given in the Public Square, Salem. A grand illumination of the square at night. We hope to give all necessary information next week. Excursion trains will run from Winston to Salisbury, and from Salisbury to Danville military companies will be present.

The Winston Leader exposes a brace of scamps who came to Winston and boarded at Mrs. Hardy's, opening a picture gallery in the morning, and in the afternoon they changed to the names of C. A. Stevens and E. A. Stevens. Stevens is about 22 years of age, has a fair complexion, light complexion and thick lips. Staley is of medium stature, well built, dark complexion and hair, black mustache and gray eyes. On Sunday, the 8th inst., they decamped, bag and baggage, for High Point, without paying their board bill. Mrs. Hardy followed, and succeeded in detaining their baggage, but the hired horse and buggy were gone.

We congratulate our young friend, C. A. Rominger, of this vicinity, who graduated at the recent Commencement of Wake Forest, and wish him a prosperous future. The delivery of his address was a "Lucky Fool Pluck a Hero." The Raleigh Observer says: "Mr. Rominger is a venerable looking, silver-haired young man of one and twenty. His delivery was attractive, nervous and rapid. His subject was a good one and he made the best of it. Applause followed sentence after sentence, and his success as a speaker was established."

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